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The Lovers delight !

OR, A pleasant Pastorall sonnet

To a new Court Tune.

Come love, lets [illegible] the springs,
where we will heare the blackbird [illegible]
The Robin Redbrest, and the Thrush, (sings;
the nightingale on thornie bush,
Whose musicke sweetly [illegible]
that to my love Content may bring.

In yonder vale there are sweete flowers,
with many pleasant shadie bowers;
A purling brooke with silver streames,
all beautified with Phœbus beames:
I [illegible] behind a tree for feare,
to see Dyana bathe her there.

See where the nimph, with all her traine
comes tripping ore the Plaine amaine:
In yonder grove there will they [illegible]
[illegible] to sport and [illegible]:
Where we will sit us downe and see
[illegible] beautie mixt with Chastitie.

The youthfull shepherd with delight
will tune a pleasant oaten pipe:
Each [illegible] with heavenly note
will [illegible] and straine her [illegible] throate;
So loud and cleare their nimphs will sing
that hills and vallies all will ring.

The shepheard Stephan with his friend
the faithfull Clayes will attend
My playe before the Queene, to prove
who best deserves Vranias love:
A most strange sight there shall you see
[illegible] of love and [illegible].

Menalcas and Amintas young,
[illegible] Coridon, and Thersis strong
[illegible] to [illegible]
to [illegible] place for Phillis [illegible]
Iudge of [illegible] who shall be
but the [illegible] Queene of chastitie.

Under the shade of yonder pine
you see a [illegible]
Prepared for the Iudge to sit,
the Queene of beauty and of wit,
[illegible] Pallas in her Majesty
the [illegible] Iudge is chose to be.

The Queene of love is banisht there
For feare that Phœbe take offence;
Her wanton [illegible] must not come there,
nor Cytherea once appeare:
It grieves my heart to thinke that she
from this [illegible] must be.

For if the Queene of love should [illegible]
the [illegible] of the [illegible],
[illegible] should [illegible] her [illegible]
to [illegible] the [illegible] as he [illegible].
[illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible],
but O the chaince, she is not here.

See where the [illegible] to [illegible]
with such a garland in her hand,
Compact of [illegible] and [illegible]
for [illegible] the [illegible]
In [illegible] of [illegible] here,
the [illegible] Garland [illegible].

[illegible]

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[Museum stamp]

The Lovers delight:
OR, A pleasant Pastorall sonnet
To a new Court Tune.

Come love, lets walke into the springe,
where we will heare the blackbird
The Robin Redbrest, and the Thrush, (sing,
the nightingale on thornie bush,
Their musick sweetly Caroulling,
that to my love Content may bring.

In yonder dale there are sweete flowers,
with many pleasant shadie bowers;
A purling brooke with silver streames,
all beautified with Phebus beames;
I stood behind a tree for feare,
to see Dyana bathe her there.

See where the nimph, with all her traine
coming tripping ore the Parke amaine;
In yonder grove there will they stay,
at barlie breake to sport and play:
Where we will sit us downe and see
faire beautie mixt with Chastitie.

The youthfull shepherd with delight
will tune a pleasant oaten pipe;
Each neatresse tune with heavenly note
will stretch and straine her warbling throate;
So loud and cleare their nimphs will sing
that hills and vallies all will ringe.

The shepheard Stephan with his friend
the faithfull Clayes will attend
My playe before the Queene, to prove
who best deserves Vranias love:
A most strange sight there shall you see
rivalls of love and amitie.

Menalcas and Amintas young,
[illegible] Coridon, and Thersis strong,
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] place for Phillis [illegible]
Judge of their triumphs who shall be
but the faire Queene of chastitie.

Under the shade of yonder pine
you see a Royall throne [illegible]
Prepared for the Judge to sit,
the Queene of beauty and of wit,
While Pallas in her Majesty
the [illegible] Judge is chose to be.

The Queene of love is banisht there
For feare that Phœbe take offence,
Her wanton sonne must not come there,
nor Cytherea once appeare:
It grieves my heart to thinke that she
from this [illegible] [illegible] must be.

For if the Queene of love should [illegible]
the [illegible] of the heavenly eye,
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] thy heart as [illegible] hath [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible],
but O the chaines, she is not here.

[illegible] where the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
with such a garland on her head,
Compact of [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible],
for [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
In [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
the [illegible] Garland [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
a [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible];
[illegible] may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] his [illegible];
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] that are [illegible],
[illegible] shall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
the [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] appeare:
All [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] shall be
by the [illegible] Queene of chastitie.

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The second part. To the same tune.

Such heart content [illegible] long in your conceit [illegible] prayse:
Or how did [illegible] patience [illegible],
how Cupid [illegible] his bowe,
I know you have [illegible] all that's past,
from the first man unto the last.

We thought it great content did bring,
to heare the [illegible] to [illegible],
To Cressida [illegible] made her choise,
Menalcas for [illegible],
Which glory [illegible],
since Coridon [illegible] Phillis [illegible].

To [illegible] was [illegible] of length:
all men gave place to Theris strength:
His stedfast footing none could [illegible],
yet for all this [illegible] his love
[illegible] many of [illegible]
could Phillis [illegible] to make her change.

If it had [illegible] in my power,
[illegible] to have chose a paramour;
The whom I thought [illegible] most grace,
was young Amintas, whose [illegible] face,
And nimble feete could not be matcht,
the Deities [illegible] catcht.

Did you not note how Pallas [illegible]
the like that never saw before:
And Meliager [illegible],
Athlanta had the [illegible] lost:
In token of [illegible] prayse,
she crowned him with lasting bayes.

When Phœbe unto Phillis [illegible],
to make thy choise be not [illegible],
For if I were the [illegible] to chose,
Amintas I would not refuse:
But all in vaine they did [illegible],
for Corridon had Phillis [illegible].

Both Pallas and Diana [illegible],
did almost [illegible] with [illegible]:
Who could their prayses [illegible],
on young Amintas and his [illegible],
His person, [illegible], and his grace
they did applaud, and his [illegible] face.

But [illegible] to be the [illegible],
when Phillis [illegible] Cristall eye,
How all the youthfull [illegible],
and Corridon [illegible] chose:
[illegible] they in beauty did excell,
and [illegible] prayse did beare the bell.

It [illegible] the beauty of the minde,
[illegible] Phillis [illegible]:
The [illegible] of tongue and [illegible],
in place [illegible] the Judge did sit,
[illegible] his [illegible], and their [illegible],
Vlisses so had Ajax [illegible].

But one thing much doth make [illegible],
why [illegible] Vrania did refuse,
[illegible] Mypulls there:
in whom such friendship did appeare,
That still they [illegible] with one [illegible],
[illegible] to make her change.

[illegible] they [illegible] the [illegible],
[illegible] their heart did [illegible],
When [illegible] by [illegible] did [illegible],
[illegible] a [illegible].
[illegible] out of her [illegible],
[illegible] Strephans [illegible] did come.

[illegible] did [illegible],
[illegible] her [illegible],
[illegible] Strephans [illegible] did [illegible],
[illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible],
and [illegible].

[illegible] his [illegible],
his [illegible] in [illegible],
[illegible] and [illegible],
[illegible] in the [illegible],
[illegible],
[illegible].

[illegible],
[illegible] your [illegible],
[illegible] and I [illegible],
[illegible] your [illegible],
[illegible],
[illegible].

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